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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Stephen Moffatt

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FOR: SUBSTRATE HOLDER FOR RETAINING A
SUBSTRATE WITHIN A PROCESSING CHAMBER

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 2881
§ (Parent Application)

§ EXAMINER: J. L. Smith
§ (Parent Application)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant is submitting the subject Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(1). This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date of the subject application.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10

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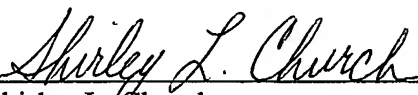
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Applicant does not believe that any fee is due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(1). However, in the event that any additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1512 of Shirley L. Church, Sunnyvale, California, in the amount of such fee.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(1), applicant hereby requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date of the subject application or before an Office Action on the merits. Applicants are providing herewith a copy of each document cited on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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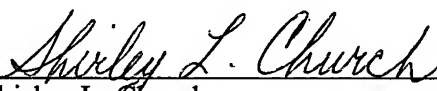
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If the Examiner has any questions, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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